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Loma Linda Man Charged with Auto Insurance Fraud

San Bernardino, CA - The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Auto Insurance Fraud Unit has filed felony charges of Insurance Fraud against Jimmy Tunoa, 63, of Loma Linda. On Friday, May 2, 2008, Tunoa surrendered himself to the custody of Investigators from the District Attorneys Office for a felony warrant alleging he had committed insurance fraud.

Tunoa made an insurance claim alleging that a hit and run driver had damaged his vehicle in July 2006. Because of inconsistencies within the claim, the file was forwarded to the Auto Insurance Fraud Unit for review. Investigators found that Tunoa was the actual hit and run driver and struck an object while he was driving his vehicle. Tunoa made a claim with his insurance company, but told them that his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver. Through the investigation, it was discovered that there was no hit and run driver.

Tunoa was booked into custody at the West Valley Detention Center where his bail was set at \$15,000.

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